

--- “Series of 1880-81” - TOBACCO - Division Open - BLACK - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/20th pound - lithographed in BLACK ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

John McKay records that 645,507 lithographed copies of “1-20th Black Ribbon” were ‘Delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

John McKay further records that 1,018,966 lithographed copies of “1-20 lb. Black Ribbon” were ‘Delivered’ under the second section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). Most strips in this second section were unfinished items designated for destruction.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	645,507
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	<u>1,018,966</u>
	1,664,473

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	52,631
Hamilton Division	none
Montreal Division	82,544
Quebec Division	131,080
Toronto Division	18,724
Windsor Division	<u>400,008</u>
	684,987

The catalogue lists the 1/20 pound, black, Division Open, TOBACCO strip as follows:

- RP-1** - 1/20 pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-1a - 1/20 pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

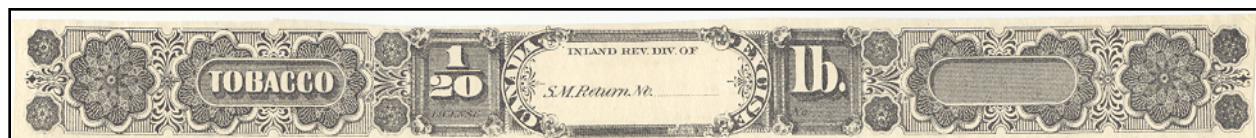


RP-1n - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

The collection **does not contain** a copy of **RP-1a** - the perforated 1/20th pound Division Open strip lithographed in black ink on *unwatermarked horizontal* mesh wove.

If this strip is on *vertical* mesh wove, it has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*. Or is it on **truly unwmkd horizontal** mesh wove - a late date printing of the 1/20th pound Division Open strip? This is unlikely.

The following imperforate strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.



1/20th pound, black, *imperforate*, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

TOBACCO 1 20 INLAND REV. DIV. OF S.M. Return No. 052513

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The excise duty on *foreign leaf* was 20¢ per pound under the Budget of 1883: thus after 1883

1/20th pound	1¢ per strip	1/10th pound	2¢ per strip
1/5th pound	4¢ per strip	1/4th pound	5¢ per strip
1/2 pound	10¢ per strip	1 pound	20¢ per strip

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